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## ***1. Downtown Streateries Program***

This public-private partnership is proving to be very popular, as six downtown businesses are now participating since the program started as a pilot project last fall. A “Streatory” is outdoor restaurant seating located in public parking spaces. Due to the success of the pilot project and feedback received from participating businesses, the streateries have become a more permanent feature and guidelines were adopted by the City Council in March. The Edmond Economic Development Authority (EEDA) has initiated a matching grant program to help offset the costs of the improvements made by the business owners. To make the spaces more visually appealing the City partnered with a local artist, Yo Bro, to paint the concrete jersey barriers.

For more information on streateries you can visit the Planning and Zoning page on our website—[www.edmondok.com](http://www.edmondok.com).

## ***2. Hafer Park/AC Caplinger Baseball Fields***

This project will improve these fields to “tournament quality”, allowing Edmond to attract more of the tournament market and provide a higher quality complex for recreational leagues. The pandemic impact moved the start of this three-phase project back a year to this year.

Phase I improvements initially included 4 renovated fields and new parking on the east side. Due to cost estimates being significantly over the budgeted amount because of material pricing, Field #1 renovations and the parking lot improvements were postponed to Phase 2. This revised initial phase is currently in the site review process, with 90% plans submitted in early July.

The current time frame is to complete the design/review work by the end of the summer, then award a contract and begin construction this fall. The total estimated cost for all three phases, before the major spike in material costs, was \$8M, allocated from the 2000 capital improvements sales tax.

### ***3. Sales & Use Taxes***

The numbers for our first monthly check of the new fiscal year reflect sales for the month of May. The continuing trend of growing collections is encouraging. Sales tax revenue increased 8.7% over the same month last year, comparing to a 3.25% budget projection for the new budget year. Use tax revenue increased 6.5% from the same month last year, slightly below the 10% annual budget projection. Combined collections are 8.2% above the first month last year.

Respectfully submitted

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